

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Group Art Unit:
Ira R. Forman et al. : Intellectual Property
Serial No: : Law Department - 4054
Filed: : International Business
Title: DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING : Machines Corporation
CONNECTED VIA THE WORLD WIDE : 11400 Burnet Road
WEB WITH A SYSTEM FOR : Austin, Texas 78758
TRACKING THE DISTRIBUTION OF :
COMPUTER POWER FROM CLIENT :
PROVIDERS TO CONSUMERS SO AS :
TO COMPENSATE PROVIDERS AND :
BILL USER CONSUMERS :
Date: 9-30-03 :

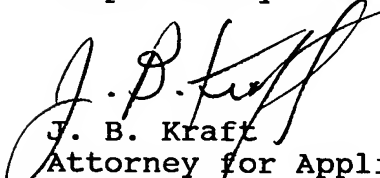
STATEMENT IN LIEU OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit that other than the background art discussed generally in the specification of this application, they are aware of no further art. Thus, this is being submitted in lieu of a statement under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,


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